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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                          | 10/698,961             | RAMASAMY ET AL.     |  |
|                          | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |  |
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Jeffrey Sharp. (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Chris Eusebi. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 16 November 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: All independent claims.

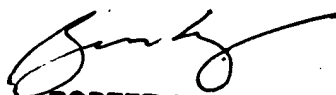
Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of record and cited in formal rejections.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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**ROBERT J. SANDY**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In the interview, Examiner discussed with Applicant some informal suggestions which might overcome the rejections of record. No formal claim language was agreed upon. Applicant also discussed Figure 12 which shows some criticality of the present invention over those weld studs found in the prior art. The Examiner stated a supplemental amendment to the response filed 23 October 2006 may be made to the claims to reflect the suggestions made by the examiner in this interview. However, such a supplemental amendment must be made in accordance with the MPEP and accompanied by any associated fees and/or extensions of time..

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